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Rob Wilson, PE, County Engineer Grays Harbor County

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Re: Phase II of the Lower Satsop Restoration & Protection Program

Dear Rob,

On behalf of the Port of Grays Harbor, I am writing to express our support for Phase II of the Lower Satsop Restoration & Protection Program.

Phase II calls for robust investment in habitat and floodplain restoration. This is necessary to improve the overall dynamics of the river. The Lower Satsop is a very strong and powerful system. On any given winter flood season the river can dramatically change its course and cause substantial loss to property.

While work is expected to commence this summer on Phase I, which will help protect Keys Road and the Port of Grays Harbor's well, Phase II is equally important as it will bring the river back into balance through energy dissipation from engineered log jams, stabilized soils through riparian plantings, etc.

Commissioners

Stan Pinnick

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We know to ensure long-term access and viability of the Satsop Business Park we must protect Keys Road and our well infrastructure. We know that long-term jobs and a strong community depend on our ability to stabilize the river and restore the habitat and floodplain functions. Phase II will achieve this and for this reason we continue to be supportive of the County's efforts and the Lower Satsop Restoration & Protection Program.

Sincerely,

Executive Director

Gary G. Nelson

Commissioner Stan Pinnick, President Port of Grays Harbor Commission

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Cc: Grays Harbor County Commissioners

Scott Boettcher, Staff, Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority